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## THE PATHWAY

Does the way seem long to heaven?  
The path too steep you say,  
And no one at all to guide you  
Or lead you on your way?

'Tis true the way is not easy,  
And the path is narrow too,  
With many trials and hardships,  
For each of us to pass thru.

But look to the One who before you  
Has trod all the way alone;  
He's ever willing to guide you,  
And for your sins has atoned.

Veda Giddings

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## SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Maude Johnson

The area of Stanislaus County is 1,486 square miles, or 951,040 acres. The eastern boundry lies along the first ranges of the Sierra Nevadas, and the western boundry is high up in the Coast Range. One may gaze upon the snow capped ranges of the eastern border thru-out the entire year, and when the atmosphere is clear the bronzed slopes of the Coast Range draw near to all portions of the country. Add to the friendly mountains the tortuous, greenflanked rivers that cut thru the country at intervals, and one has a landscape which the artist would pause to sketch in ever cheering hues.

Ten years ago the cuntry was practically one large wheat field. The tourists looked from a car window upon the bronzed hills to the west or across waving spans of grain to the Sierras. Combined harvesters, moving in all directions, dropped in regular rows sacks of golden grain and piles of glistening straw. Far and near the heavy laden grain wagons, two or three fastened together and drawn by an eight to twelve head team, raised frequent clouds from highways and cross roads. There was no doubt that great wealth abounded in Sunny Stanislaus, but it was measured in terms of wheat sacks and not in terms of population. The visitors marveled at the extensive

crops; admired the friendly mountains and the wooded Tuolumne, Stanislaus and San Joaquin that coursed to the sea thru little valleys, cutting their way deep into the soil as they flowed along. The sheep and cattle waxed fat upon the stubble fields, and the long, balmy summer and the cooling sea breezes oozing into the region all summer long commanded the admiration of all.

The charm of this region was appreciated in the earliest days of California. It is recorded that a Neophyte, a converted Indian named Estanislao, who lived in the settlement at the old Mission San Jose, ran away. In this era, the Spanish padres introduced intensive farming under the co-operative plan; it was the era when the Thirteen Colonies gained their freedom under the leadership of George Washington. Search was made for the primitive agriculturist and he was discovered hiding among the live oaks and cottonwoods that fringe the Stanislaus.

The charm of the region appealed to the teamsters and packers of early mining days, for as early as 1847 ox teams and pack animals carried supplies to, and gold dust from the mines of Tuolumne County along the rolling highways that passed thru Knight's Ferry and the later site of Oakdale.

The romance of the region is sketched in picturesque frontier stories by prominent writers and the tales of '49 will always be conspicuous in American Literature.

General U. S. Grant founded this part of Califor-

nia for rest rather than war, and the old fig trees under which he slept in 1854, soothed by the cool sea breezes, still bear yearly their three crops of Mission figs.

In the early sixties there were "cattle upon a thousand hills" and by the wild timothy and adflierilla, the native forage plant of California, pasture was furnished into the late fall.

When looking over the landscape now, a vast change is noticed. No more are seen large fields of waving grain, but beautiful country homes, alfalfa fields dotting the landscape, and orchards and vineyards stretching away to the horizon. Add to this the telephones, electricity for farms and homes, daily mail, and roads neither dusty in summer nor muddy in winter, and you have a clear idea of the grandeur not only of this county but of the state as well.



### PERSEVERANCE

SOMETIMES when failure has taken the place of success discouragement follows. But why let discouragement usurp the throne upon the temporary abdication of success?

On the contrary our so called failure was allowed to come to us by an All Wise Father for a special purpose; probably the development of some trait of character which lay dormant within us, and needed to be aroused to the danger lurking near.

When failure seems certain, instead of succumbing to it, greet it as a stepping stone to success. Put forth every effort to be the conqueror: for little effort accomplishes no great undertaking, but much effort and strong determination know no defeat.

The time worn adage "If at first you dont succeed, try, try again," is the foundation principle of success.

Each time that failure knocks at your door, wage the battle again, profiting by each mistake and at last success will crown you victor.

That is the very spirit that dominated so many men, who by persistent effort accomplished their desired reward and whose names to-day are stamps of success.

Truly, if this principle of perseverance is followed, it will prove its own merit and show that defeat is the path to victory.

V. C. B.



## THE COMPANIONSHIP OF BOOKS

Ruth I. LaPorte

Books are friends. They hold a far more endearing place with true lovers of learning: for they are companions. A book remains the same in thot and sentiment for all time. It does not shun us when adversity or disappointment comes. It may even review our faults without leaving a sting. What could be a better test of true friendship?

"Keep good company, and you shall be of the same number." So our associates may classify us. A man may also be known by the books he reads, as well as by the company he keeps; for there is a companionship of books as well as of friends: and we should live in the best company whether it is of books or of men. Our library reveals the character of our friends.

We may have ideals in books as well as among men. By studying these ideals we may gradually mold our lives after noble characters.

Books will educate us without the assistance of a teacher if necessary; and what a blessing this has proven to many an individual who has had to work to help his parents besides brothers and sisters. Records tell of numbers of poor children who have sat in some poorly lighted room until midnight studying borrowed books. Lincoln and Franklin are worthy examples of this courageous class. Books were both comrades and teachers to them.

The writings of others are useful only to the extent that we are able to use them. We only learn the depth of their companionship by a systematic perusal. One should have a definite plan of study, then follow this thoroly and carefully. We must be more than acquainted with our authors; we must know and understand them.

Sir Philip Sidney has said, "They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thots." These noble thots may be gleaned from our abundant supply of volumes. There were never more.

We are influenced by books as much, and many times more than by people. We become cheerful by reading cheerful writings; we weep when the author portrays misery and sadness; and we are lost in that and admiration as we search the pages of philosophy and science. Finally by their influence we are persuaded and inspired to build our characters in accordance with their ideals.

Books are companions because people are the authors. By this means we can associate with great and noble men of the past and present. We may choose our company. They do not force themselves upon us. We sympathize with them, think their thoughts, study their actions, and all but live with them thru their works. The more powerful the author the keener we realize this fact.

It is difficult to imagine how Napoleon would have spent the endless hours of his life while in banishment had it not been for his beloved books. Altho his library would probably not appeal to us, he searched and researched the contents of its volumes, thereby being spared the terrible grasp which Lonliness would have otherwise lain on him. John, while on the Isle of Patmos, sought comfort and companionship producing his wonderful work, "The Revelation." In a similar manner many prisoners and exiles have endured the days which seemed without hope by the companionship of books.

Biographies whether true or fictitious prove interesting reading to all classes. The most instructive biographies however are those which portray the lives of real

persons. Everyone may learn something from the life of another, and especially from a nobly written life. Our experiences afford us the best lessons, but we may be spared many trials and disappointments by reading and heeding the advice of those who have climbed the ladder to success before.

The Book of books is the most complete production in the world. It has the broadest scope and firmest foundation. It is a friend because its Author is our greatest Friend. It consoles us in our deepest grief and shares our greatest joys. When our dearest and most trusted friend forsakes us, then God's Word speaks peace and comfort which only an infinite God and creator can give. The more we study the Bible, the more it unfolds its sacred truths. It never ceases to send forth a fount of love and mercy. The principles of the Sacred Word will ever be, even thruout Eternity. It is by far the surest companion among books.



## A MOUNTAIN TRIP

Veda Giddings

"I wonder if there will be very many climb the mountain," said one of the boys who was eager for the trip.

"Not many, I presume," answered another. "You know the trip will be hard and the top is a long way

off.

The day of starting soon came and the two boys were the only ones willing to make the trip. They had tried hard to get some of the others to go with them but with no avail. It was true the trail was narrow, rough and steep, but the two considered the joy that would be theirs after the obstacles had been surmounted, whereas the others saw only the obstacles confronting them.

For a little way they found the trip delightful, but soon the path became steeper and rougher, and it was hard for them to follow the trail. When night came they did not always have a suitable rest. At times they became tired and hungry and it seemed impossible for them to go any farther. But they were unwilling to give up, so plodded on. They came to two trails, one wider than the other and appearing much easier. They reasoned, "This one will take us to the top and will be much easier to climb than the other. So the wide one they chose. But it did not lead to the top and they were soon lost.

Prior to this they had an opportunity to secure a guide, and now finding that the trip could not be made without one, they went in search of one who knew the road they must tread. They were not long, however, in finding one who was leading a small company up the trail from which they had turned aside. The boys joined the company and found the trip was much easier with a guide.

All along the way they met those who had tried

to climb the mountain but had become discouraged and were now going back to join those who had never started. There were some who were wondering whether to go ahead or to go back. The boys were successful in encouraging a few to go ahead, but the majority were seeking the easy way.

As they were nearing the top of the mountain the guide said "Look! See that mark. It is to tell us that we are near the top. You will see many of these from now on." How this cheered the little company. Finally the last mark was passed and the top soon reached. Were they disappointed? Had the guide mislead them? No, indeed not; for he was a true and faithful leader.

How much this mountain climb is like the Christian's pathway. Few there are who think the journey worth while. How often we try to get to heaven without our guide, He who has pointed out to us the signs of His coming.

Many who have started on the way to heaven find the path too narrow and look to the world for pleasure. Some day such will be very sorry. Others think that it will not be worth while. There are so many trials and hardships to pass thru. But we are told that heaven is more beautiful than we can imagine.

Yes, I am sure that when we get there we will all think it worth while, and our hardships will seem very small compared to our reward.

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NOW that this school year is fast drawing to a close would it not be well to take a few moments for quiz and reflection? How much have we advanced during this year of school life? Are our text books sufficiently marred with the marks of study that to the eye of a casual observer they will tell of the hours spent in study, and of the mastery of lessons?

Spiritually, have we advanced far? Have our daily thots and actions been such as would honor our Creator? Have we studied to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed? If not, this year of school life will not net us the profit that we have hoped for.

We are being educated for service. But have we learned the lesson of cheerfully serving one another and of speaking a helping word to our associates?

If not, in the few weeks that are left, let us try a little harder, let us put forth a greater effort than we have

heretofore that we may be workmen that our Father can use in His service.

R. O. K.



**W**HAT is your aim in life? Is it one that will be uplifting to yourself and those about you and at last place your name in the "Who's Who and Why" column?

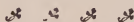
So many people place their aim below that which they are really capable of: they are content to remain at the same level, or to even gradually deteriorate. Others seem to have no set aim. If asked in what line of work they expect to engage, or what they desire to do, the answer comes--- "I do not know." We are sure that such a class will float down stream, the path of least resistance.

Why not set your standard high, then pull to it. Exert every effort toward that standard and let nothing divert you from it.

Altho the top of your ladder towers high above that of your fellows', and tho you may never reach the topmost round; yet we are climbing upward and onward.

It is a fact that one cannot find the midpoint of his career and remain there; he is either moving forward or falling back. But with our ropes firmly fastened to the standard ahead we cannot do otherwise than succeed.

L. G. S.



You cannot get ahead of your ideals.

## REFLECTION

A. O. Nelson

NO division of character building is so important as a proper attitude toward the daily duties of life. While one's life is yet in the moulding, it is very easily influenced by the method in which other people perform their assigned tasks. "By beholding we become changed."

There is a high standard which can be attained by each individual if his heart, mind and body are working in the same channel; and any career is sure to be successful if such a trinity is unbroken.

If in the spiritual life we are found dissimulating, we may cause our own downfall and influence others so disastrously that their destruction will be accomplished.

We should be lions in the battle of life, living not to be helped but to perform willingly our appointed tasks. Our character is not the work of a day, but the product of a lifetime.

Each deed done should be founded on principle, and performed for the purpose of benefiting others as well as ourselves. An act of kindness, a pleasant word, or even a smile will often lighten the heart of the downcast. Each should strive to possess the ability to stand for himself, and in the strife for victory be a living moral, pleasing to God and a blessing as an associate.



Anyone can acquire friends; but it takes a true friend to retain them. ---Ed.

## Where There's a Will There's a Way

Ed. Altman

**M**any times we twist this proverb into saying that where there is a way there is a will, but this ought not to be done. It may be well said, where there is a will there is a way. For if we wish very much to accomplish a certain object, we will work with zealous energy and almost always a way opens before us.

If we put all our energy to the "will" clause, the determination will begin to seek a way for the accomplishment of its purpose.

Take the Rhetoric lesson, for instance, especially when there is a theme to write. When the students are asked if they have a theme for the day, every other one will invariably answer. "I couldn't write on that theme. I just can't do it." Not much of a will there to be sure. If there had been, a way surely would have opened so the theme could have been written. The reason I have spoken of this last instance is because my knowledge comes from experience, a very good teacher.

Again, when we are asked to do some task for others, if it is a pleasure to do it, the will is bound to start the way; but if it is a displeasure, the will has lost out and the way has disappeared into perfect obscurity.

A little quotation comes to mind which is as follows: "There are three kinds of people in the world, the Wills and the Wonts and the Can'ts." The Wills accomplish everything; the Wonts oppose everything; and the Can'ts fail in everything.

A number of the students and patrons of Forest Home spent Wednesday the 24th at the old picnic grounds on Big Rock. The day was exceedingly bright and sunshiny and every one went prepared to enjoy the day to the fullest extent. We reached the grounds about nine thirty and spent the remaining part of the forenoon playing games. The dinner hour was looked forward to with the greatest anticipation by the students and it came a little earlier than usual. Zip and Buck acted the part of pack mules to carry the provisions from the foot of the Rock. After the meal was over, a quick ascent was made to the highest point of the Rock where a beautiful view of the surrounding country may be obtained. The hour for our return came only too soon. It was with a slight spirit of reluctance that we retraced our steps.

We are all enjoying the warm spring days.

Prof. Nelson, accompanied by his sister, Gertrude, spent a few days in Seattle during the monthly exams.

Prof. Kellogg visited us a few days. We all appreciated his encouraging remarks at chapel.

Miss Ellen Atkin visited with her Aunt, Mrs Orcutt, at Riverside, Sabbath and Sunday.

The house belonging to Fred Slosson, about a half mile west of the Academy, burnt to the ground about noon Tuesday. They succeeded in saving most of the furniture. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr Slosson is having his round of bad luck: it will be remembered that his barn, on the same place, burnt last spring.

Miss Maude Johnson of Modesto, Calif., formerly a student of Forest Home, visited with old friends in the village, recently. Miss Johnson does not intend to return to her home until June.

Mr Hollenbeck was taken to the Burlington Hospital about two weeks ago. It was at first thot that he had bloodpoisoning but it later proved to be erysipelas. He is improving and expects to return home shortly.

Bro. P. O. Johnson, of Everett, and Bro. Knute Nelson, of Snohomish, spent a day or two with us last week.

Miss Lola Manning spent Sabbath and Sunday with Miss Virginia Rees.

A Sunday School has been organized at the Schoolhouse with Mr Pierce, who is teachinig there, as Supt. Rev. Neifsinger, of the Baptist church, holds preaching services every two weeks at the hour after Sunday School.

Mr Arthur Hollenbeck was called home from Pacific Union College, last week, on account of the illness of his father. He hopes to return to finish his school year.

A number of the many friends of Professor and Mrs Rees gathered at the Rees residence Saturday evening, March 20th. A pleasant evening was spent in the company of their host and hostess who soon leave for their new home in Auburn.



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